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**TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP  
of the  
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

**March 22, 2011  
Minutes**

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**THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF THE MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP. A DIGITAL RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.**

The Meeting of the Transportation Conformity Working Group was held at the SCAG office in Los Angeles.

**In Attendance:**

Abrishami, Lori

LACMTA

**SCAG**

Ayala, Rosemary

Gutierrez, Pablo

Luo, Rongsheng

Mann, Betty

Nadler, Jonathan

Sangkapichai, Mana

**Via Teleconference:**

Brady, Mike

Cacatian, Ben

Castro, Fernando

Crow, Jason

Estrella, Romeo

Gallo, Ilene

Krebs, Cindy

Kuo, Ryan

O'Connor, Karina

Tax, Wienke

Wade, Dennis

Walecka, Carla

Yoon, Andrew

Caltrans Headquarters

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Caltrans, District 12

Caltrans, District 11

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SCAG

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**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

Lori Abrishami, Metro, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

**2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no comments.

**3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR**

**3.1 Approval Item**

**3.1.1 TCWG February 22, 2011 Meeting Minutes**

The minutes were approved.

**4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS**

**4.1 Review of PM Hot Spot Interagency Review Forms**

**1) LALS06 (Intersection of PCH/SR1 & Ronan Ave)**

It was determined that this is not a POAQC.  
(FHWA concurrence via email on March 23, 2011)

**2) LALS06 (Intersection of SR1/Lincoln Blvd & Palms Ave)**

It was determined that this is not a POAQC.  
(FHWA concurrence via email on March 23, 2011)

**4.2 FTIP Update**

Betty Mann, SCAG, reported the following:

- 2011 FTIP Amendment #3 had been approved by state and was waiting for the federal approval.
- Staff continued working on 2011 FTIP Amendment #6.

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**4.3     RTP Update**

Ryan Kuo, SCAG, reported the following:

- SCAG staff finished the first round of data gathering planning sessions throughout subregions. The next round of workshops will take place around late spring or summer to get feedbacks on scenarios.
- The new web-based RTP application was released to CTCs for entering 2012 RTP projects. The default project list in the application is based on the 2008 RTP and will be updated by CTCs for 2012 RTP. The deadline of updating the project list is April 8<sup>th</sup> and SCAG staff will start the modeling process afterwards.

Ms. Abrishami acknowledged that the RTP application will help reduce staff time and errors and she thanked SCAG RTP staff for having developed this application.

In response to a question, Mr. Kuo stated that the project list for the 2012 RTP will not be released to public until the draft RTP is released. He suggested contacting CTCs for further information. In addition, he stated that the process for the 2012 RTP has not been changed from the previous RTP and only new tools have been developed to make the process easier and more efficient.

**4.4     EPA Update**

Wienke Tax, EPA, reported the following regarding the proposed partial disapproval of the South Coast PM<sub>2.5</sub> SIP:

- The South Coast Pm<sub>2.5</sub> SIP Mid-Course Review should include as necessary: (1) a review of emissions reductions and progress made in implementing control measures; (2) an analysis of changes in ambient air quality; (3) a revised air quality modeling analysis to demonstrate attainment; (4) any new or revised control measures adopted by the State as necessary to ensure attainment.
- South Coast AQMD adopted its portion for the Mid-Course Review on March 4 which included updated district rules, revisions to control measures and their adoption schedule and modifications to the emissions reduction commitment.
- ARB was preparing its submittal for the Mid-Course Review for their Board hearing on April 28 and the materials should be available for public review next week. The ARB's SIP revisions will contain revised emission budgets for SCAG.

In response to a question, Ms. Tax stated that EPA acknowledges the time sensitivity of this proposal and plans to act by late May.

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Karina O'Connor, EPA, stated that she will provide an email update regarding the EPA's proposed rule relative to new RFP requirements.

4.5 ARB Update

Dennis Wade, ARB, reported the following:

- ARB staff continued preparing the PM2.5 SIP Mid-Course Review package for the April ARB Board meeting to address the EPA's proposal.
- No ARB Board meeting in March.
- ARB staff continued working on the new EMFAC and there is no definite release date.

In respond to a question, Mr. Wade stated that the Mid-Course Review package will be submitted to EPA quickly upon adoption by the ARB Board.

4.6 Air Districts Update  
None.

5.0 **INFORMATION SHARING**

Mike Brady, Caltrans Headquarters, announced that a TRB webinar *Climate Change Adaptation* would be held on Thursday, March 24, 2011.

6.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

The next Transportation Conformity Working Group meeting will be held on April 26, 2011 at the SCAG office in Los Angeles.